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War Fund Drive Goes Over Top With Percentage Leads County Towns \$2,860 Is Secured In Northfield

Northfield's contributions to the recent National War Fund Drive exceeded the town's \$2,000 quota to such an extent that the thermometer at Spencer's Garage was unable, in spite of a three-foot extension, to register the flood of cash and pledges. The campaign which was held here November 1 to 10 was conducted by a committee of nine, of which George McEwan was chairman, assisted by a group of 28 women canvassers, whose efforts aided materially in eliciting this remarkable response.

The drive went "over the top" at a report meeting Monday evening, November 8, two days prior to the official closing, when \$2400 was reported. Subsequent reports raised the total to \$2860, which represents an excess of 43 per cent over the quota.

The National War Fund grew out of an insistent demand from the American people for a united effort, proper budgeting, and efficient methods for handling the needs of the many relief and service agencies. The national organization which is directing the drive was formed last Spring at the request of the President's War Relief Control Board, but remains a voluntary agency with an official purpose rather than an agency of the government. The democratic quality of the national leadership and the tremendous needs and humanitarian programs of the 17 participating relief funds and services give this drive an unusual appeal and account for the success which the nation wide effort is meeting.

In the larger centers the campaigns are being conducted through Community Chest channels but in most small towns funds are being raised by "volunteer groups and committees. The local committee was headed by Mr. McEwan and included the following: Mrs. William E. Park, Miss Marietta Tower, Miss Anna Kurko, Mrs. E. M. Powell, Mrs. A. Gordon Moody, Ross Spencer, George W. Carr, and Frank W. Pearsall.

District canvassers included: Mrs. Fred Huber, Mrs. R. V. McCulloch, Mrs. W. D. Miller, Mrs. Neva Barber, Mrs. H. H. Morse, Mrs. L. H. Lazelle, Mrs. David Hammond, Mrs. Clifford Bolton, Mrs. F. H. Pallam, Mrs. Philip Porter, Miss Mercy Brann, Mrs. L. Kirk, Mrs. F. H. Montague, Mrs. George Pefferle, Mrs. G. N. Kidder, Mrs. H. Anderson, Mrs. F. Stone, Mrs. William Shattuck, Mrs. Robert Taylor, Mrs. R. Holton, Mrs. M. Hammond, Mrs. M. Billings, Mrs. Charles Repeta, Mrs. E. Parker, Mrs. P. Menn, Mrs. E. Whitney, Mrs. H. Eastman, and representatives of the Youth Hostels.

The President's Report Northfield Schools

There has just been issued in pamphlet form, the condensed report of the President of the Northfield Schools, Dr. William E. Park, as presented to the recent meeting of its trustees. There is also included in the bulletin a brief financial statement and a list of the trustees. It is all contained in the issue of October of the Northfield School bulletin and on the inside of the cover there is a well timed program of purpose. The contents are all informative and the president's report is most encouraging and optimistic. Every friend of the schools should have a copy and if one has not been received, drop a card to the President's office, Kenardep Hall, East Northfield, and ask for one. The November Bulletin, also for free distribution has just been issued and contains the Calendar of Events for the school year, leading up to commencement which will be at Mount Hermon on May 27 and at the Seminary on June 12.

Alliance Meeting

The Women's Alliance of the Unitarian church held a most interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. William A. Barr on Main street on Thursday afternoon, November 11th. Mrs. Barr and Mrs. Mary Bardwell were the hostesses and Mrs. Oler D. Doolittle gave a splendid talk on "Why Thanks" applicable to the season of Thanksgiving. Mr. Barr was prevailed upon for a talk and his subject was "Swimming," with which he delighted the assemblage. The next meeting of the Alliance will be Thursday, December 9, when Mrs. Edward M. Morgan will present "Current Events." The hostesses will be Mrs. George N. Kidder and Mrs. Joseph W. Field.

Memory Dedication Of Trilside Museum Former Hotel Employee

Last Sunday there was a dedication of the Robert S. Cole Trilside Museum on Mount Tom Reservation to the memory of Robert Salisbury Cole, a student of Massachusetts State College who graduated in 1939, and who followed his specialized training with work on nature trails and nature studies. He came to the Northfield Hotel, where he arranged local trails, improved them and taught skiing. He also spent much time on the Mount Tom reservation constructing trails and improving nature's work along the pathways where thousands of visitors might enjoy themselves on a saunter through the woods. Prominent public officials and college authorities gathered for the dedication, and during the exercises, A. Gordon Moody, who attended with Mrs. Moody was called upon for a testimony. Mrs. Katherine Cole of Westfield, his mother attended, and presented to the reservation an American flag. Cole had enlisted in the U. S. air force and was killed in an accident while in training in Florida. The dedication was to his memory. Many patrons of the hotel during the winter of 1940 will recall Mr. Cole and his pleasing personality, his work and his encouragement in enjoying outdoor sports.

Neighborhood Meetings Prepare For "Mission"

All friends and members of the Congregational church are invited to attend one of a series of district meetings to be held in the parish during November. The Rev. Edward C. Dahl will be the leader, and wishes to meet with the people of each neighborhood for worship and discussion of several matters of extreme importance to the church. At these meetings he will explain the complete plans for a "preaching mission" to be conducted by the Rev. Gordon S. Kenison of the Central Congregational church of Orange, which will be held in the church during the week of November 28 to December 5.

The people of the church are requested to meet with Mr. Dahl at the following times and places: Meetings already held, were on Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Gilbert; Wednesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Roger Greenwood; this Friday evening with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Carr; on Sunday evening the 21st at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Doolittle; on Monday evening, the 22nd at the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Lawrence; and on Tuesday evening, the 23rd at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Field. All these meetings are held for one hour only beginning at eight o'clock. All interested in the welfare of the church are invited to attend.

Ration Dates

Meats, Butter, etc.: Brown stamp K in Book Three becomes valid Nov. 14 with Stamps G, H, and J until Dec. 4.

Canned Goods: Green stamps A, B and C in Book Four valid through Dec. 20 for processed foods. Blue stamps X, Y, and Z in Book Two expire Nov. 20.

"Sugar" stamp 29 in back of Book Four valid to Jan. 15 for five pounds.

Shoes: Aeroplane stamp number one in Book Four valid for one pair indefinitely. Stamp 18 in Book One still valid for an indefinite period, also. To control the black market, loose coupons cannot be accepted except with a mail order.

Fuel Oil: Period One coupons valid to Jan. 4. Class four worth ten gallons, class five worth fifty gallons.

Tires: A-car deadline March 31, B-car deadline Jan. 31. C-car deadline Nov. 30.

Gasoline: Number 8 stamps in A-Book valid for three gallons through Feb. 8. B and C coupons good for two gallons.

N. B. The only stamps of any value in Books One and Two after Nov. 20 will be any unexpired Number 18 in Book One, good for one pair of rationed shoes, for an indefinite period. When this stamp and stamps X, Y, and Z in Book Two have been used, the book covers may be discarded.

Committee Is Named Study Hydrant Service Report Town Meeting

At a special meeting of the voters of the town held last spring, there was inserted as an article in the Warrant, the subject matter of hydrant service of the Northfield Water Company. The article was thoroughly discussed and many participated in the exchange of opinions. The procedure was slow, when finally A. Gordon Moody was recognized and introduced a motion, "that the Selectmen be instructed to appoint a committee of three to investigate the hydrant service by the Northfield Water Co. and report back to the annual town meeting." Put to a vote, the motion was passed and is so recorded on the record of the Town Clerk. Recently the Selectmen announced the members of the committee appointed, which consists of Ross L. Spencer, Willis K. Parker and Sam E. Walker. The committee recently also called a meeting and Mr. Walker was chosen as chairman. It is expected that under the authority of the action taken by the town meeting, the committee will delve into the situation in an exhaustive study and report their findings and recommendations at the annual meeting next February, if that is at all possible.

Well Known Speakers At Hermon-Seminary

The speaker at 11 a. m. in Sage Chapel Sunday will be the Rev. Harold B. Ingalls, Chaplain of the Seminary, and Dr. Herbert M. Gale of the Seminary faculty will preach at Mount Hermon on that day at 11 a. m.

Mr. Harrison Lakin, former member of the American Diplomatic Service, will address assemblies at Mount Hermon on Saturday at 12 and the Seminary on Monday at 10:15, on the subject of current international affairs.

The Reverend George A. Tuttle of Great Barrington will be the Chapel speaker at Northfield Seminary on Thanksgiving Day, at the 10:15 a. m. service. The preacher in the Mount Hermon school Chapel at 11 on that day will be the Reverend Ralph L. Root of the First Baptist church of Greenfield.

As a special Book Week speaker, Bertha Clark Damon, of the Seminary, '01, will address a group of students and faculty members in Phillips Hall on Sunday at 3:15 p. m. Mrs. Damon, in addition to writing the words of "O Northfield Beautiful," the Seminary Alma Mater, is the author of the best-seller of a few years ago, "Grandma Called It Carnal." The original manuscript of her popular current book, "A Sense of Humor," was presented by the author to Talcott Library, where it has become a part of the permanent collection.

Air Warning Service

A meeting of the captains and officers of the Northfield Air Warning Service was held Monday evening at the home of Chief Observer F. Warren Whitman. The transition from full duty to the present instant alert basis, under which the post is subject to immediate reactivation in the event of an emergency. It was decided that the seven day captains would rotate the responsibility for the Wednesday afternoon practice periods so that as many observers as possible may be kept in training.

In a recent communication to A. W. S. personnel, Brigadier General Glenn O. Barcus, commander of the First Fighter Command, congratulated the service on the splendid record it has achieved but warned that the great volunteer organization must be alert for an emergency which may at any moment put volunteer observers back on full duty. "Let me urge you," he wrote, "to keep your individual organization together, so that we can be ready for any emergency. . . . You are a vital branch of the Army Air Forces."

The Christmas Seal

The Christmas seal for 1943 is a stamp of much beauty and of considerable interest. It portrays a white faced child with her dolly looking forward up to the clouds for the vision of Santa Claus with his deer and sled to bring her Christmas cheer, but above all good health and freedom from suffering. The stamp bears the emblem of the National Tuberculosis Society and underneath the picture are the words "Protect your home from tuberculosis." Citizens of all America are again urged to buy Christmas seals.

Did Very Good Job Scouts Collect Paper Drive Last Tuesday

A very critical paper shortage faces the nation, according to a paper mill operator who appeared before a meeting of the Franklin, Hampshire Council of Boy Scouts, and reported to Louis Abbey, chairman of the Northfield committee. The operator told Scout leaders that mills were so short of material that many of them depended entirely on truckloads brought in by public spirited citizens. The situation is worse than the previous shortage. In common with other troops, the Boy Scouts of this town decided to conduct a drive and under the direction of Louis Abbey and Gene Cullum went about the town to make a collection, previous notice having been given. Trucks loaned by the Seminary, the Northfield Hotel, George N. Kidder, Spencers Garage and Clifford Bolton assisted and gathered up the loads. Special gasoline was allotted for the afternoon school session. A large amount of scrap paper was collected, several tons, and this will be taken by trucks direct to some mill, probably to Holyoke, where it will be weighed and paid for at the prevailing price. The proceeds will be devoted to local scout activities by the local Scout committee and the treasurer, Edgar J. Livingston, expects that the amount received will be larger than resulted from the previous drive. The patriotic response of our people to a serious salvage need will put the Boy Scout work in good financial condition. It is said about five tons of paper was collected.

Church Services In Northfield

THE UNITARIAN CHURCH

Services on Sunday will be at 10:45 a. m. with morning worship and sermon by minister, Rev. Arthur Heeb, "Rejoicing in the Harvest." Mrs. L. P. Goodspeed, choir leader and organist. Church school at 10 a. m., Mrs. Carroll Miller, superintendent. All invited to the services.

The sewing circle will meet with Mrs. F. W. Williams at her home on Thursdays at 1:30 p. m.

Wednesday evening the church school will hold a Thanksgiving harvest party at 7:30 in the church social hall. Neighborhood children invited as well as members and friends of the church.

This church will unite in a service of Thanksgiving at the Congregational church Thanksgiving Day morning.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Services on Sunday will be: Church school at 10. Dr. Gates will speak. Morning worship at 11. The guest preacher will be Rev. Herbert W. Gates, D.D. of Boston. His topic "They That Go Down to the Sea in Ships." Dr. Gates is Field Secretary of the Boston Seamen's Friends Society. The society maintains a Sailor Vineyard Haven and provides home in Boston, and a station at lodgings, meals, entertainment and fellowship for men away from home and aids them as personal needs and problems arise. It is a service full of human interest rendered to men who are serving the nation in heroic spirit. Dr. Gates is well known in Northfield as having been Dean of the Conference of Religious Education here for about fifteen years. He is a graduate of Amherst College and of the Chicago Theological Seminary and has been actively engaged in the field of religious education throughout his career. Choir rehearsal will follow. The Christian Endeavor Society will meet at 6:30. Dr. Gates will speak. The young people of the churches in South Vernon and in Gill have been invited to be guests.

A district meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Doolittle Sunday evening at 8. On Monday The W. C. T. U. will hold a meeting at 1:30 in Alexander Hall. The picture "He Went Straight Home" will be shown to the school children. Mothers of the children are invited.

On Thursday a Community Thanksgiving service will be held on Thanksgiving morning at 10 a. m. in the Congregational church. The preacher will be the Rev. John Robert Gee, pastor of the Federated church of Winchester, N. H. Rev. E. W. Blackstone of the Advent church at South Vernon, Rev. Arthur Heeb, of the Unitarian church, and Rev. Edward C. Dahl of the Congregational church will take part in the

Had Chicken Supper T'was Ladies' Night Heard A Travel Talk

The annual Ladies' night of the Northfield Brotherhood is always a big affair in the annals of the organization and last Tuesday evening proved no exception for an attendance larger than was expected enjoyed a wonderful chicken supper prepared by the Northfield Hotel and later were delighted by a travel talk by Rev. Kenneth Henley, pastor of the Second Congregational church in Greenfield. President Robert N. Taylor of the Brotherhood presided at the gathering and welcomed the guests and introduced the speaker. Mr. Henley showed movies of his travels in England, Holland, Belgium, France, Norway, Sweden and Germany and related many incidents of his personal experiences. He had wandered in Europe in 1938 and of course his pictures were those of prewar days, when the American visitor was welcome and had freedom of the many nations. His experiences were those of many who had traveled the foreign countries from Northfield and the showing of the movies, brought back many pleasant remembrances. The Brotherhood is to be congratulated upon its successful "Ladies' night." Several new members were voted into membership.

Another test "blackout" was sounded last Friday evening, which was shorter than usual, although it interfered with several meetings which were held here at the time. The blackout followed without incident and was efficiently observed. All officials of the Civilian Defense responded to the call and were at their posts of duty.

The Northfield Christian Endeavor Society will provide special music. The service will be brief, closing at 10:45, in order that those who attend may have ample time to prepare for their own family celebrations. All citizens of Northfield are invited to respond to Gov. Saltonstall's call for a "day of Thanksgiving and Prayer" by attending this community service.

Friday: There will be a church social on Friday evening at 7:30. The purpose of the social is to give the people an opportunity to meet the Rev. Gordon Hensson of Orange, who will conduct the Preaching Mission the week following.

Special Town Meeting Next Tuesday Evening

A special town meeting has been called for Tuesday evening, November 23 at 7:30 o'clock by the Selectmen and the Warrant has been posted. The articles will call for the transfer of funds for snow removal and for the consideration of an honor roll of our men in the service to be erected here.

Cerreta-McGowan

The marriage of Miss Grace McGowan of Pittsfield, formerly of this town, to Vincent Carl Cerreta, also of Pittsfield, took place in that city on Friday morning, November 5, it is announced. After the wedding services the couple went to Greenfield, where at the home of her sister, Mrs. James J. Penfield, a reception was tendered, after which they left for a wedding trip. Both are employed at the General Electric plant in Pittsfield and they will reside in that city. Mrs. Cerreta graduated from the local high school, and attended the Seminary, before taking a course at the Bay Path Institute in Springfield. Mrs. David B. Hammond of this town is her sister.

A. Gordon Moody, manager of the Northfield Hotel, entertained the members of the Greenfield Rotary Club on Wednesday evening, Nov. 3 with a dinner at the hotel. A short business meeting followed after which the company went to the garage for an evening of fun and merriment. The large floor space had been cleared in the garage for the purpose.

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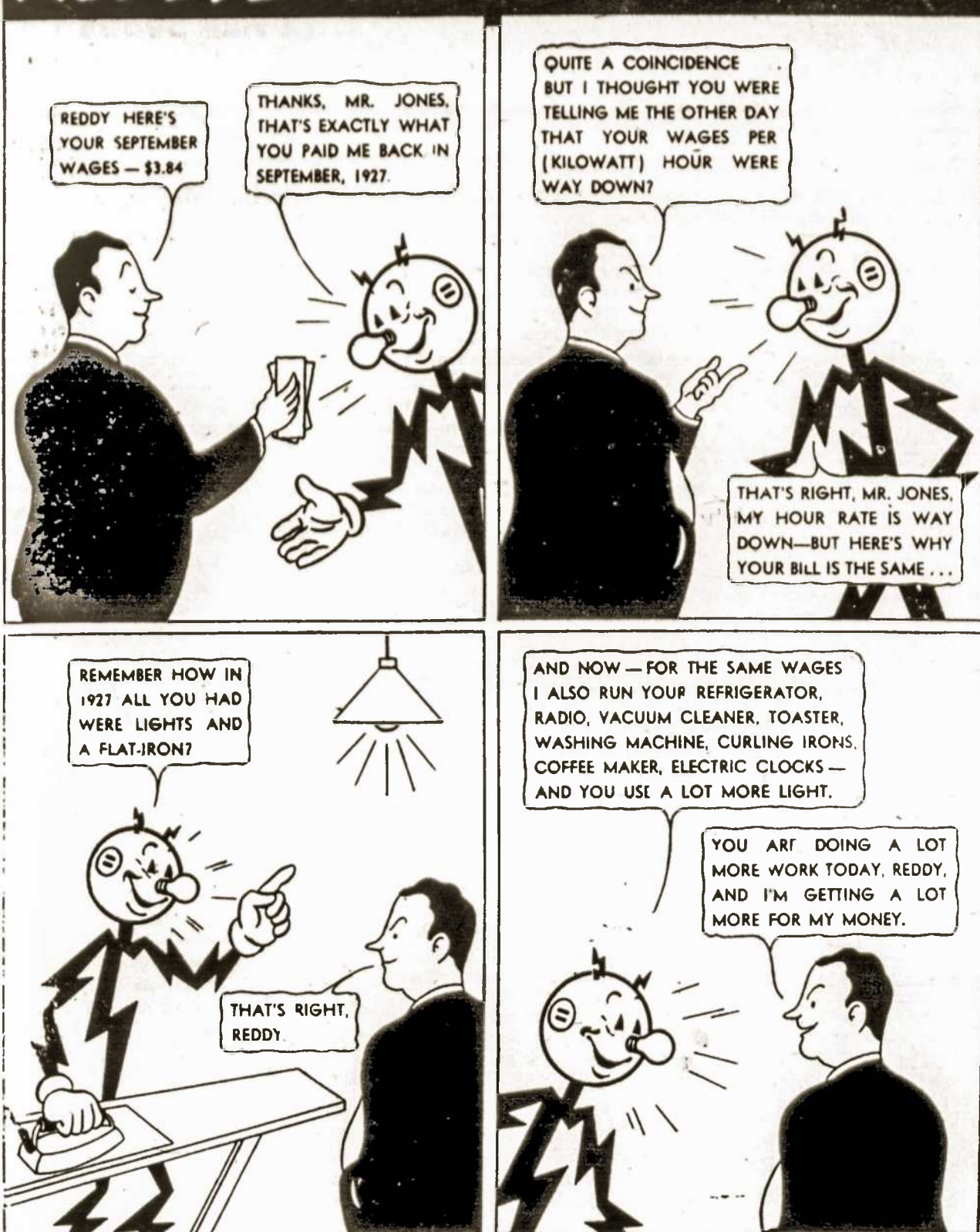
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The family of Gilbert Evans Potts have recently received word that he is at a hospital in North Africa, recuperating after his service in the Italian campaign. Greenfield Tap and Die Co. have sent Christmas boxes to its former employees now in the service. The list includes several boys from Northfield.

Richard Smith, son of Mrs. N. Fay Smith, who is a field director with the Red Cross in Africa, recently conducted Norman Davis of Washington, director of the organization on a tour of the clubs in North Africa.

Mrs. Ethel Hopkins in a letter, writes that her son Stephen is receiving Navy training at Parris Island, that Robert is in the "thick of it" in Italy and David is on the U. S. S. Essex.

Writing from Clarksdale, Miss. Ted Powell recounts his surprise when he entered the weather class and saw a picture of Sage Chapel with the Auditorium in the background, showing cloud effects. A letter from Virginia Powell, with the Red Cross at Mitchell field, states that an amplifier, which heralds calls, announcements, etc. last Sunday broadcasted the singing of "The Lord's Prayer" by John Charles Thomas, so that all might hear it. When Gracie Field returned from her visit from the camps of the European area, she said that English men asked for

"Ave Maria" while Americans wanted "The Lord's Prayer."

Sgt. Walter J. Aldrich is now stationed at Camp Campbell in Kentucky. He is a brother of Mrs. J. E. Dresser.

Lieut. Raymond Kervian, his wife and child have been spending a short time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kervian of the Farms. Lieut. Kervian is stationed at Camp Campbell, Ky.

Staff Sgt. William G. Hilliard of West Northfield has recently been transferred in the service to Fort Dix, N. J.

Pvt. and Mrs. Harold L. Hammond and son of Dillroy, Cal., are visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Hammond.

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